



2011 ARMED FORCES MEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current United States of America Rugby Football Union Rules (USA Rugby), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Committee (AFSC).
2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Single round robin, followed by consolation and championship matches.
3. **DRAW:** As determined by draw conducted at the 2010 Armed Forces Championship.
4. **SCORING:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules.
5. **DURATION OF MATCHES AND TIE-BREAKER POLICY:**
 - A. Round Robin Matches: Played in 30-minute halves with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - B. Tie Breaking procedures, in order, following Round-Robin Play: Head-to-head record of teams involved; points for and against all teams; total converted tries.
 - C. Consolation and Championship Matches: Played in 40-minute halves, with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - D. Tie-Breaker for Consolation and Championship Matches: Play two 10 minute overtime periods with a three minute interval between halves. If not decided use head-to-head competition between teams. If still tied use points for and against all teams. If no decision use converted total converted tries. Last, use a coin toss to determine winner.
 - E. Drawn Matches: Drawn matches in the Round Robin competition shall be declared a tie.
6. **GAME BALL AND EQUIPMENT:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules. Ball must adhere to current USA Rugby Rules. Ball to be used is to be publicized by the host service 60 days prior to the Armed Forces Championship. All footwear (boots), including those with alloy safety studs, must be in compliance with current USA Rugby Rules.

7. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Day One Teams Arrive

Day Two Team Photos
 Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (Optional)
 Team Practice Sessions
 Organizational Meeting
 Informal Ice-Breaker

Note: Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependant on host site letter of instruction). Additional personnel or guests may only attend if pre-coordinated in advance with the host site through the Service Representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Additional personnel and/or guests will assume responsibility of costs to attend the Ice -Breaker.

Day Three 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony (Optional) – However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening match.
 0900 Match 1 USMC vs. USAF
 1030 Match 2 USA vs. USCG
 1200 Match 3 USA vs. USMC
 1400 Match 4 USAF vs. USN
 1530 Match 5 USCG vs. USA

Day Four Rest Day

Day Five 0900 Match 6 USCG vs. USMC
 1030 Match 7 USA vs. USAF
 1200 Match 8 USMC vs. USN
 1400 Match 9 USAF vs. USCG
 1530 Match 10 USN vs. USA

Day Six 1100 Match 11 Consolation Match
 1300 Match 12 Championship Match

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final match) Service teams are required to wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice- Breaker Social, then all Service Members must comply with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy.

Day Seven Teams Depart

8. **TEAM STANDINGS:** Based on tournament win-loss record and tie-breaker procedures.

9. **AWARDS:**

A. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC-Team Manager) receive individual awards.

B. Team: No team trophy is presented.

C. All-Tournament: An "All-Tournament" team is selected of the best 15 best players by position of the tournament. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All Star" memento to present to each member of the "All-Tournament" team.

10. **TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Roster not to exceed 30 individuals

25 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

2 Certified Athletic Trainers

1 OIC-Team Manager

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area.

If a player is ejected, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, and cannot be on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

11. **SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:**

Service Representatives at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All Tournament Team. Selection meeting attendance is limited to Service Representatives, the Armed Forces (AFS) Sports Representative, Head Coaches, and the Chief of Officials. Each Service will be limited to one spokesperson. The host Service Representative will chair the selection meeting. The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team will be conducted as a paper ballot, both submitted simultaneously by each Service Representative and the Chief of Officials to the selection meeting chair at the beginning of the meeting. Submitted ballots are final. Ties will be resolved through discussion and vote. Service Representatives reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or availability.

12. **ALCOHOL POLICY:** There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. More restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.

13. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next match. Suspended individuals are not authorized in the team bench area during suspension period. See paragraph 10 for Ejection Policy.